## Case 2:20-cv-03971 Document 1 Filed 08/14/20 Page 1 of 31 CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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#### **DESIGNATION FORM**

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

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GEMMA FARQUHAR :

: CIVIL ACTION NO.

VS.

LYFT, INC.

AND :

ZULEIKA CRUZ-ROSARIO :

## RULE 7.1 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FORM OF DEFENDANT, LYFT, INC.

Lyft, Inc. is a publicly held corporation traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market with no parent corporation. Rakuten, Inc., a publicly held corporation traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, owns more than ten percent of Lyft's outstanding stock through subsidiaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 8/14/20 James Andrzejewski

JAMES ANDRZEJEWSKI, ESQUIRE

(PA ID No.: 308153)

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Lyft, Inc.

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

## CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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GEMMA FARQUHAR

GEMMA FARQUHAR  VS.  LYFT, INC.  AND	: : CIVIL ACTION NO. : :
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	ORDER
AND NOW, this day of _	, 2020, upon consideration of the Notice
of Removal filed on behalf of Defendant	t, Lyft, Inc., and any response thereto, it is hereby
ORDERED and DECREED that the same is	granted and the action of <u>Gemma Farquhar v. Lyft,</u>
Inc. and Zuleika Cruz-Rosario, June Term	a, 2020, No. 200601690, is removed from the Court
of Common Pleas of Philadelphia Count	ty, Pennsylvania and is transferred to the United
States District Court for the Eastern Distr	rict of Pennsylvania.
	BY THE COURT:
	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

GEMMA FARQUHAR :

CIVIL ACTION NO.

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AND :

ZULEIKA CRUZ-ROSARIO :

#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

TO: THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Defendant, Lyft, Inc. (hereinafter "Lyft"), by and through its attorneys, Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., hereby files this Notice of Removal of the above-captioned matter from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, the jurisdiction in which this action is now pending, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and in support thereof avers as follows:

- 1. This action was commenced by Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania at June 2020, Number 200601690 on June 26, 2020. A true and accurate copy of Plaintiff's Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 2. Lyft was served with the Complaint on July 20, 2020, and the undersigned counsel entered their appearance on Lyft's behalf on July 30, 2020.
- 3. Plaintiff seeks damages for personal injury allegedly sustained as a result of a motor vehicle-pedestrian accident occurring on May 2, 2019. <u>See</u> Exhibit A.

- 4. At the time this action was commenced and at present, Lyft is a Delaware corporation that maintains its principal place of business at 185 Berry Street, #5000, San Francisco, CA 94107.
- 5. Upon information and belief, at the time this action was commenced and at present, Defendant, Zuleika Cruz-Rosario ("Defendant Cruz-Rosario"), is an adult individual and a citizen, domiciliary, and resident of Pennsylvania, with a residence at 4244 Lawndale Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124. See Exhibit A, ¶ 5.1
- 6. Upon information and belief, at the time this action was commenced and at present, Plaintiff is an adult individual residing at 519 Oaklawn Avenue, 2nd Floor, Oaklyn, New Jersey 08107, and is a citizen, domiciliary, and resident of New Jersey. See Exhibit A, ¶ 1.
- 7. The Complaint alleges that, as a result of the subject accident, Plaintiff sustained, *inter alia*, severe pain, anxiety, depression, emotional damage/distress, humiliation, embarrassment, loss of pleasures and enjoyment of life and/or a serious impairment of one or more bodily functions. <u>See</u> Exhibit A, ¶ 22.
- 8. The Complaint alleges that Plaintiff's claimed injuries will continue for an indefinite time into the future. See Exhibit A,  $\P\P$  23-24.
- 9. The Complaint alleges that Plaintiff has sustained a loss of earnings, and may sustain a loss of earnings in the future. See Exhibit A,  $\P$  24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No affidavit of service on Defendant Cruz-Rosario has been filed and the undersigned counsel has been unable to verify service with Defendant Cruz-Rosario. Therefore, at this time, she is not considered properly served under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2)(A), and her consent is not required as a prerequisite for this removal.

- 10. The Complaint alleges that Plaintiff has suffered a severe loss due to on-going expenses in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those Plaintiff would have performed. See Exhibit A,  $\P$  25.
- 11. The amount in controversy is alleged in the Complaint to exceed the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).
- 12. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(A)(ii), Defendant Lyft asserts the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 because Plaintiff is permitted by state practice to recover damages in excess of the \$50,000 demanded as a money judgment.
- 13. Upon information and belief, the amount in controversy, as alleged based on the nature of the severe and continuing injuries claimed, and without admitting to the existence or merit of same, exceeds Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00).
- 14. The present lawsuit is removable from the state court to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(a)(1), 1441(a) as there is complete diversity of citizenship among all parties to this action and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.
- 15. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in the judicial district, namely that the subject motor vehicle accident, occurred in the City and County of Philadelphia.
- 16. Copies of all process, pleadings and orders that have been received by Lyft, other than the Complaint (attached as Exhibit A) are filed herewith and attached collectively hereto as Exhibit B.

17. This Notice is timely being filed within thirty (30) days of service of the Complaint on Defendant Lyft.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Lyft, Inc., respectfully requests the above-captioned matter now pending against it in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County be removed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. A corresponding proposed order is attached hereto and entry thereof is requested.

Date: 8/14/2020

Respectfully submitted,

James Andrzejewski

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### **AFFIDAVIT**

James Andrzejewski, Esquire, being sworn according to law deposes and says that he is the counsel for Defendant, Lyft, Inc. in the within matter; and that he has read the foregoing Notice of Removal and believes it to be true and correct, to the best of his knowledge or information and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 8/14/2020 James Andrzejewski

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### PROOF OF FILING

I, James Andrzejewski, Esquire, hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal has been filed via electronic filing with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County on August 14, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 8/14/2020 James Andrzejewski

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, James Andrzejewski, Esquire, hereby certify that a copy of the attached has been served upon the following individual by first class, United States mail, postage pre-paid this 14th day of August, 2020.

Brian A. Rice, Esq. Gabriel A. DiLeonardo, Esq. Mattleman, Weinroth & Miller 401 Route 70 East, Suite 100 Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034 Respectfully submitted,

Date: 8/14/2020 James Andrzejewski

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GEMMA FARQUHAR : COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

VS.

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LYFT, INC. : JUNE TERM, 2020

AND :

ZUKEIKA CRUZ-ROASRIO : NO: 001690

#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

TO: PROTHONOTARY OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. §1446(d), Lyft, Inc. files herewith a copy of the Notice of Removal, which was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on August 14, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 8/14/2020 James Andrzejewski

JAMES ANDRZEJEWSKI, ESQUIRE Attorneys for Defendant, Lyft, Inc.

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**PLAINTIFF** 

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LYFT, INC. 185 Berry Street, Suite 5000 San Francisco, CA 94107 -and-ZULEIKA CRUZ-ROSARIO 4244 Lawndale Street Philadelphia, PA 19124

**DEFENDANTS** 

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CIVIL TRIAL DIVISION

DOCKET NO .:

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

### **NOTICE**

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. YOU ARE WARNED THAT IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO THE CASE MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOU AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU BY THE COURT WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE FOR ANY MONEY CLAIMED IN THE COMPLAINT OR FOR ANY OTHER CLAIM OR RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE PLAINTIFF. YOU MAY LOSE MONEY OR PROPERTY OR OTHER RIGHTS IMPORTANT TO YOU.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO

PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCE FEE OR NO FEE.

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#### **AVISO**

Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defenderse de estas demandas expuestas en las paginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) dias de plazo a partir de la fecha de la demanda y la notiticacion. Hace falta asentar una comparencia escrita o en persona o con un abogado y entregar a la corte en forma escrita sus defensas o sus objeciones a las demadadas en contra de su persona. Sea avisado que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomara medidas y puede continuar la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o notificacion. Ademas, la corte puede decidir a favor del demandato y requiere que usted crumpla con todas las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder dinero o sus propiedades o otros dereches importantes para usted.

LLEVE ESTA DEMANDA A UN ABOGADO INMEDIATAMENTE, SI NO TIENE AHOGADO O SI NO TIENE EL DINERO SUFICIENTE DE PAGAR TAL SERVICIO, VAYA EN PERSONA O LLAME POR TELEFONO A LA OFICINA CUYA DIRECCION SE ENCUENTRA ESCRITA ABAJO PARA AVERIGUAR DONDE SE PUEDE CONSEGUIR ASISTENCIAL LEGAL.

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PHILADELPHIA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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#### CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

AND NOW, comes Plaintiff, Gemma Farquhar, by and through her attorneys, Mattleman, Weinroth & Miller, P.C., to file the within Complaint and aver the following:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff, Gemma Farquhar (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff"), was and is at all times material hereto an adult individual residing at the address above captioned.
- 2. Defendant, Lyft, Inc. (hereafter "Defendant Lyft") is a foreign business corporation and/or other business entity that is registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State

- to conduct/perform business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under entity number 4255720.
- Defendant Lyft is incorporated in the State of Delaware, with a principal place of business located at 185 Berry Street, Suite 5000, San Francisco, CA 94107 and can be served through its registered agent, Incorporating Services LTD, at 600 N. Second St. Harrisburg, PA 17101.
- 4. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Lyft, acted individually and/or by and through its employees, servants, agents, including but not limited to, actual, ostensible and/or apparent agents, workers, predecessors, successors, parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, franchises and/or partners, who were acting within the course and scope of their employment, agency, partnership and/or authority for, on behalf of and/or in the name of Defendant Lyft, including but not limited to Defendant Zuleika Cruz-Rosario.
- 5. Defendant, Zuleika Cruz-Rosario (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Cruz-Rosario"), was and is at all times material hereto an adult individual residing at the address above captioned.
- 6. Upon information and belief, at all times material hereto Defendant Cruz-Rosario was operating her vehicle within the course and scope of her employment, agency and/or partnership with Defendant Lyft.
- 7. At all times material hereto, Defendant Lyft—operating as a common carrier under Pennsylvania law and as a ridesharing company—was in the business of transporting passengers.

- 8. At all times material hereto, Defendant Lyft partnered with and/or employed automobile owners and drivers, including Defendant Cruz-Rosario, for the purposes of providing transportation services to people in and around Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for a fare.
- 9. At all times material hereto, Defendant Lyft received a credit card payment from the customer/passenger at the end of the ride for the entirety of the fare, retained a portion of the fare, and then remitted a percentage to the driver who transported the customer.
- 10. Defendant Lyft's drivers, such as Defendant Cruz-Rosario, provide an essential service and are an essential component of Defendant Lyft's business of providing transportation services to customers.
- 11. At all times material hereto, Defendant Cruz-Rosario participated in Defendant Lyft's prearranged transportation network/service by previously applying to be a driver through the Lyft phone application and/or web-based portal and providing information about herself and her vehicle(s).
- 12. At all times material hereto, Defendant Lyft was in exclusive control of who could use the Lyft phone application as a driver, including Defendant Cruz-Rosario.
- 13. At all times material hereto, Defendant Lyft approved Defendant Cruz-Rosario as a Lyft driver.
- 14. At all times material hereto, Lyft exercised and/or had a contractual right to exercise significant control over Defendant Cruz-Rosario, including, but not limited to, unilaterally setting the rates that Defendant Cruz-Rosario could charge, unilaterally determining the portion of the payment remitted to compensate Defendant Cruz-Rosario for her services, requiring Defendant Cruz-Rosario to comply with Defendant Lyft's policies regarding personal conduct and vehicle maintenance, and prohibiting Defendant

- Cruz-Rosario from soliciting rides from customers who do not use the Lyft phone application.
- 15. At all times material hereto, Defendant Cruz-Rosario, was acting as an employee, servant, partner in a joint venture and/or agent of/with Defendant Lyft.

#### **FACTS**

- 16. On May 2, 2019, Plaintiff was walking westbound across S. Christopher Columbus

  Boulevard within the designated cross walk while the pedestrian crossing signal was
  activated, thereby giving Plaintiff the right of way to cross.
- 17. At that time and place, Defendant Cruz-Rosario owned and was operating a motor vehicle eastbound on Dock Street approaching and/or entering the intersection of Dock Street and S. Christopher Columbus Boulevard in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 18. At that time and place, Defendant Cruz-Rosario entered the intersection of Dock Street and S. Christopher Columbus Boulevard and attempted to make a left turn onto Christopher Columbus Boulevard.
- 19. Thereafter, Defendant Cruz Rosario struck Plaintiff with her vehicle within the designated crosswalk while Plaintiff still had the right of way to cross.
- 20. At all times material hereto, Defendant Cruz-Rosario was driving and/or transporting two(2) passengers for and/or on behalf of Defendant Lyft.
- 21. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid crash, Plaintiff suffered significant, permanent and/or debilitating bodily injuries.
- 22. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid crash, Plaintiff also suffered severe pain, anxiety, depression, emotional damage/distress, humiliation, embarrassment, loss of

- pleasures and enjoyment of life and/or a serious impairment of one or more bodily functions.
- 23. As a further result of the aforesaid crash, Plaintiff has been obliged to incur expenses for medicines, ambulatory equipment and/or medical attention in trying to treat and cure her injuries, and will be compelled to expend and/or incur additional sums for the same purposes for an indefinite time into the future.
- 24. As a further result of the aforesaid collision, Plaintiff has been prevented from attending to her usual and daily pursuits, hobbies, duties and/or avocations, thereby suffering a loss of earnings and/or impairment of his earning capacity and/or loss of life's pleasures which will continue for an indefinite time into the future.
- As a further result of the aforesaid crash, Plaintiff has suffered and/or may continue to suffer a severe loss because of expenses which have been and/or may be reasonably incurred in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those which Plaintiff would have performed, not for income, but for the benefit of herself if she had not been injured.

## <u>COUNT ONE – NEGLIGET HIRING, TRAINING AND/OR SUPERVISION</u> (Plaintiff, Gemma Farquhar v. Defendant, Lyft, Inc.)

- 26. Plaintiff restates each and every averment contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and incorporates them by reference as if same were set forth at length.
- 27. Defendant Lyft, individually and/or by and through its actual and/or apparent agents, servants, drivers, employees and/or partners, based on the nature and character of its business and/or its past experience, was under a duty to take precautions to ensure the safety of passengers and the general public, by providing safe transportation services,

- operating its business with an appropriate level of safety protections for passengers and the general public, and exercising reasonable care in the operation of their business.
- 28. Defendant Lyft failed to properly and/or adequately screen, vet and/or assess Defendant Cruz-Rosario prior to permitting her to drive for and/or on behalf of Defendant Lyft to ensure that she was a qualified and/or safe driver.
- 29. Defendant Lyft knew and/or should have known that failure to hire, train, manage, supervise, control and/or fire their employees, drivers, servants, partners in a joint venture and/or agents, including Defendant Cruz-Rosario, could lead to a breach of that duty of care, resulting in the injury of passengers and/or the general public, including Plaintiff.
- 30. Defendant Lyft, individually and/or by and through its actual and/or apparent agents, servants, drivers, employees and/or partners in a joint venture breached that duty of care in the training, supervision of and/or retention of its drivers.
- 31. At all times material hereto, Defendant Lyft failed to establish procedures and/or programs to determine whether their employees, drivers, agents, servants and/or partners in a joint venture were and/or are fit and capable of safely and properly performing the requirements of their respective employment, agency and/or duties.
- 32. At all times material hereto, Defendant Lyft acted negligently by establishing unsafe, improper and/or ambiguous terms of service, creating perverse incentives for drivers to provide rides in violation of Defendant Lyft's internal Community Guidelines, and failing to establish proper regulations to ensure the safety of passengers and the general public.
- 33. Defendant Lyft permitted its employee, driver, agent, servant and/or partner in a joint venture, Defendant Cruz-Rosario, to operate her vehicle when it knew and/or reasonably should have known she was an unsafe, unfit, inexperienced and/or hazardous driver.

34. Defendant Lyft is vicariously liable for the acts and/or omissions of its employee, agent, driver, servant and/or partner in a joint venture, Defendant Cruz-Rosario, who at all times material hereto, was driving/transporting passengers as an employee, driver, agent, servant and/or partner in a joint venture of/with Defendant Lyft and/or was otherwise acting on its behalf, at its direction and/or under its control.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment in her favor and against Defendant Lyft, individually, jointly, and/or severally in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars for compensatory damages, exclusive of prejudgment interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay, and for any other such relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

## <u>COUNT TWO - NEGLIGENCE</u> (Plaintiff, Gemma Farquhar v. Defendant, Zuleika Cruz-Rosario)

- 35. Plaintiff restates each and every averment contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and incorporates them by reference as if same were set forth at length.
- 36. The aforementioned collision and the injuries and damages arising therefrom, were directly and proximately caused by the negligence and/or carelessness of Defendant, Zuleika Cruz-Rosario, as follows:
  - a. Failing to observe and/or obey traffic markers, signs, road lines, markings, controls and/or signals on the road;
  - b. Failing to maintain proper control over the operation of her vehicle;
  - c. Failing to maintain an adequate and proper lookout and/or make proper observations;
  - d. Failing to notice/observe Plaintiff prior to striking her with her vehicle while Plaintiff was lawfully within a designated crosswalk and had the right of way to cross;

- e. Operating her vehicle with no warning of approach and/or intended direction;
- f. Failing to keep her vehicle under proper control so as to prevent same from colliding with Plaintiff;
- g. Failing to take any evasive action and/or otherwise attempt to avoid striking Plaintiff with her vehicle;
- h. Driving while talking, dialing, texting, browsing the internet and/or using one or more applications on a cell phone and/or using a navigation system, radar detector, scanner, radio, infotainment system and/or or similar device;
- Operating her vehicle in such a manner so as to create a dangerous condition of which she knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known;
- j. Driving her vehicle at a speed greater than what was reasonable and prudent under the circumstances;
- k. Driving her vehicle at an unsafe speed given the traffic, road and/or weather conditions prevailing during the relevant time;
- Failing to timely apply her vehicle's brakes;
- m. Carelessly driving her vehicle;
- n. Driving her vehicle while being inattentive, distracted and/or otherwise unfit (i.e., too tired) to safely do so;
- o. Operating her vehicle in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. §3112 et seq.: Trafficcontrol Signals;
- p. Operating her vehicle in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. §3113 et seq.: Pedestriancontrol signals;
- q. Operating her vehicle in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. §3316 et seq.: Prohibiting text-based communications;
- r. Operating her vehicle in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. §3322 et seq.: Vehicle turning left;
- s. Operating her vehicle in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. §3331 et seq.: Required position and method of turning;
- t. Operating her vehicle in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. §3334 et seq.: Turning movements and required signals;

- u. Operating her vehicle in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. §3335 et seq.: Signals by hand and arm or signal lamps;
- v. Operating her vehicle in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. §3361 et seq.: Driving Vehicle at Safe Speed;
- w. Operating her vehicle in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. §3542(a);
- x. Operating her vehicle in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. §3714 et seq.: Careless Driving;
- y. Defendant Cruz-Rosario, knew and/or should have known that she was operating her vehicle in violation of the abovementioned statutes and chose to disobey these laws to the peril of Plaintiff, even though Defendant Cruz-Rosario knew of the likelihood that significant harm would come to Plaintiff; and
- z. Defendant Cruz-Rosario knew and/or should have known that she was not physically fit to operate her vehicle in a safe and non-negligent manner and despite this knowledge, operated her motor vehicle to the detriment of Plaintiff.
- As a direct and proximate result of the careless and/or negligent acts and/or omissions of Defendant Cruz-Rosario, as set forth herein, Plaintiff, sustained the injuries and damages as set forth above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment in her favor and against Defendant Cruz-Rosario, individually, jointly, and/or severally in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars for compensatory damages, exclusive of prejudgment interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay, and for any other such relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

## <u>COUNT THREE – VICARIOUS LIABILITY</u> (Plaintiff, Gemma Farquhar v. Defendant, Lyft, Inc.)

38. Plaintiff restates each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and incorporates them by reference as if same were set forth at length.

39. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Cruz-Rosario was driving and transporting customers within the course and scope of her employment, agency and/or partnership with Defendant Lyft and/or under the control of Defendant Lyft and, as a result, Defendant Lyft is vicariously liable for the negligent and/or careless actions and/or inactions of Defendant Cruz-Rosario averred in ¶¶ 36(a)-(z), supra.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment in her favor and against Defendant Lyft, individually, jointly, and/or severally in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars for compensatory damages, exclusive of prejudgment interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay, and for any other such relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

By:

Date: 6/26/2020

MATTLEMAN, WEINROTH & MILLER, P.C.

Brian A. Rice, Esquire

Attorney for Plaintiff, Gemma Farquhar

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff, Gemma Farquhar, by and through her undersigned counsel, hereby demands a trial by jury in the above-captioned matter.

MATTLEMAN, WEINROTH & MILLER, P.C.

Date: 6/21/2020

By:

Brian A. Rice, Esquire

Attorney for Plaintiff, Gemma Farquhar

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## **VERIFICATION**

The undersigned hereby states that she is the Plaintiff in this action and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief. The undersigned understands that the statements set forth in the foregoing Complaint are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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GEMMA FARQUHAR : COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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JUNE TERM, 2020

LYFT, INC. and ZULEIKA CRUZ-ROSARIO:

NO.: 200601690

#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

#### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Kindly enter our appearance as counsel for the Defendant, Lyft, Inc., in the above captioned matter.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

#### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Defendant, Lyft, Inc., above named hereby demands a jury trial in the above captioned matter. Said jury to consist of 12 jurors.

DICKIE, McCAMEY & CHILCOTE, P.C. James R. Andrzejewski

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JAMES R. ANDRZEJEWSKI, ESQUIRE Attorney(s) for Defendant, Lyft, Inc.

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Thomas Kenney, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he/she is the process server/sheriff herein named, and that the facts set forth below are true and correct to the best of their knowledge, information and belief.

On 7/14/2020 we received the **Complaint in a Civil Action** for service upon:

Zuleika Cruz-Rosario at 2843 NEPTUNE ROAD, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154.

Service was NOT SERVED on 7/25/2020 at 12:48 PM, for the reason described below:

NO RESPONSE - SEE ATTEMPTS.: SATURDAY ATTEMPT. DEFENDANT PUBLISHED IN COLES NO PHONE NUMBER LISTED.

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**Process Server/Sheriff** 

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#### SERVICE INFORMATION

On 7/6/2020, we received the Complaint For service upon: Lyft, Inc. Al CT Corp., 818 West Seventh St., Ste. 930, Los Angeles, CA 90017

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